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It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by the cruelty of Imperial forces, there is little hope for the future. But for those used to operating on the fringes, there is potential for profit.

Having successfully faked her own death at Darth Vader's hands, rogue archaeologist Doctor Aphra is back to doing what she does best: locating and liberating rare artifacts. By her side are a pair of homicidal droids and Wookiee bounty hunter Black Krrsantan, looking to collect on Aphra's debts.

A valuable find has Aphra feeling pretty good. With her archaeology accreditation, she'll be able to sell the relic for its true value—but soon finds that her doctorate has been temporarily revoked. Even worse, the man behind Aphra's suspension is her own father....

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Eighteen Years Ago...
NO! NO!
APHRA?!
WH-WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
WRONG QUESTION, DAD.
"WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHERE'S MOM?"
I'M HERE BECAUSE THE NICE IMPERIALS DROPPED ME HOME!
MOM'S DEAD IN A DITCH ON THAT ALIEN WORLD SHE TOOK US TO WHEN SHE LEFT YOU FOR BEING OBSESSED BY OLD DUMB STUFF!
OH--THE PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS I MAY HAVE SOME ISSUES.
FAIR TO WARN YOU.

Now...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, DAD?!
NO, THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION.
IT'S WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

I'VE DISCOVERED YOU PLACED THE SYMBIOTES ON BOOTHI XII. I'VE LEAKED JUST ENOUGH SO THE BOARD'S EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY...
YOU KNOW THERE'S STILL HUNDREDS OF ACADEMICS WORKING THERE TRYING TO FIND AN EXPLANATION?
AND THEY'RE MAKING EXTREMELY IMPRESSIVE FINDS ABOUT ANCIENT CATTLE-HERDING METHODOLOGY!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO ACTUALLY LEAK ANYTHING.
I'D HAVE HELPED YOU OUT IF YOU JUST MADE THE THREAT.
MASTER APHRA... REALLY?
OKAY, I WOULDN'T HAVE, BUT STILL!
...WHAT IS IT YOU ACTUALLY NEED ME TO DO?
PLEASE, JUST PLEASE DON'T SAY IT'S ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ORDU ASPECTU.
IT'S THE ORDU ASPECTU.

NOOAAGH!
COME ON, DARLING. YOU HAVE LIVED A DANGEROUS LIFE, BUT THIS IS A REAL CHANCE TO GIVE BEAUTY BACK TO THE UNIVERSE.
THIS IS A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD...
OKAY. LET'S GET BACK TO THE ARK ANGEL II AND TALK THIS OVER.
WE CAN COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING.
OKAY, HERE'S MY UNDERSTANDING...
...YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT AND HOW I CAN MAKE THIS ALL DISAPPEAR...

RRRRRR
RRRRRRRRRRRRR
I KNOW YOU'RE...ETHICALLY TROUBLED, BUT EVEN YOU WOULDN'T HURT ME.
NO, I COULDN'T...
YOU'RE UP, DROID.
OH ME, OH MY.
HELLO. I'M TRIPLE-ZERO.
AND IT SEEMS YOUR DAUGHTER IS A GENUINELY HORRIBLE PERSON!
YOU MUST BE VERY PROUD.
NO. NO.
SHIKT
THWIKT

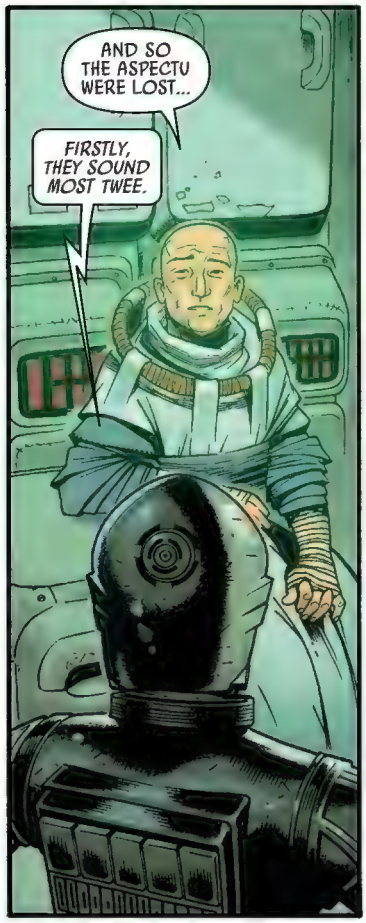
PLEASE, DON'T--
STOP, TRIPLE-ZERO. DON'T.
DID YOU TORTURE-TEASE ME, MASTER?
THAT IS...A LITTLE DISAPPOINTING.
YEAH, TURNS OUT EVEN I HAVE MY ETHICAL LIMITS.
OKAY. YOU'VE WASTED ALL YOUR LIFE, MY LIFE, MOST OF MOM'S LIFE ON THIS...
...WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND THE ORDU ASPECTU NOW?

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COORDINATES AND THE MASSASSI. YOU SEE--
BLEEP!
GGRRHHHHKKK!
BLEEP! BLEEP! BLEEEEEP!
YES, EXACTLY. MAY I ECHO MY COLLEAGUES...
...WHO ARE THE ORDU ASPECTU?
I'M UNFAMILIAR WITH THE NAME. ORDU SUGGESTS A JEDI INFLUENCE, BUT...
THEY'RE ANCIENT, ANCIENT HISTORY.
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. YOU'RE GOING TO SET HIM--
OH, LISTEN, BRAVE DROID!
IGNORE LITTLE BOOP!
LET ME TELL YOU OF THE DOOM OF THE ORDU ASPECTU...

The Fortress Of Garn.
A Long, Long Time Ago...
JEDI! TURN BACK!
THE ORDU ASPECTU DESPISE VIOLENCE!
RUR!
THE JEDI HAVE BREACHED THE FORTRESS.
WE MUST DEPLOY FORCE.
AYE--BUT NOT LETHAL FORCE.
LIFE IS WHAT MATTERS. WE SEEK THE LIFE ETERNAL--WE CANNOT CAST OTHERS INTO THE VOID ALONG THE WAY.
BAW
OOOM

YOUR HERESY IS OVER.
HERESY? JEDI ALWAYS SEEK IMMORTALITY.
WE ARE TRYING TO SAVE US ALL!
THIS IS AN OLD DEBATE...
THE JEDI DO *MANY* THINGS. THEY DO NOT *JUST* SEEK IMMORTALITY...
AMON! NO!

NO. BROTHER...
ANOTHER LOST ETERNITY.
THEY FORCE OUR HAND. WE MUST ACT...
WE MUST TRY...
KLiK
TTHWWUUMMMM


AND SO THE ASPECTU WERE LOST...
FIRSTLY, THEY SOUND MOST TWEE.

SECONDLY, "BOOP"?

PET NAME. YOU TELL ANYONE, AND I'LL DO TO YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO DO TO EVERYONE ELSE, TRIPLE-ZERO.
I'M NOT JOKING.

SOME BELIEVE THEY'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO A HIGHER FORM OF EXISTENCE...BUT THERE ARE OTHER THEORIES.
I PERSONALLY BELIEVE IT WORKED. RUR FOUND IMMORTALITY, AND IF WE CAN FIND THE CITADEL OF GARN IT WOULD PRECIPITATE A SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE, AN AWAKENING OF THE FORCE FOR ALL...

YEAH, THAT'S *YOUR* THEORY.
YOU KNOW WHAT'S JUST AS LIKELY...?

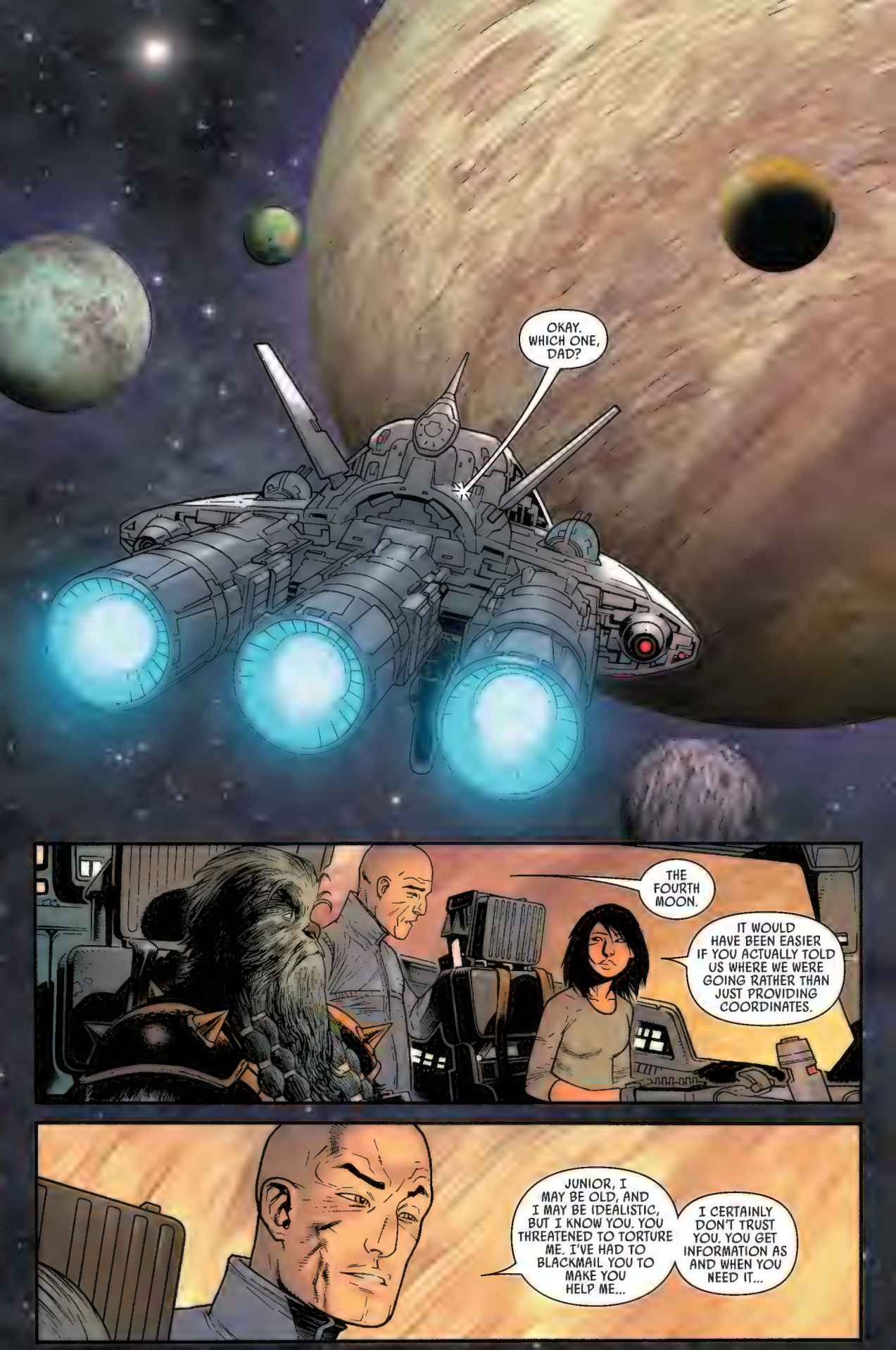
The Fortress Of Garn.
A Long, Long Time Ago...
JEDI! TURN BACK!
IF YOU DO NOT RETREAT, WE WILL SLAY THE PADAWANS!
RUR! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WE HAVE TO KILL THEM! IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
AYE--SO WHAT MATTERS IF WE LIE? IT'S A SMALL CRIME COMPARED TO OUR GREAT DESECRATION?
WE SEEK THE LIFE ETERNAL--AND WE WILL SACRIFICE ANYTHING FOR THAT!
BAW OOOOM

YOUR HERESY IS OVER!
FREE THE PADAWANS!
CERTAINLY.
KLiK
FREE THEM FROM THE PAIN OF LIVING!
AND FREE US FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH!
YOUR HERESY CURDLES INTO ABOMINATION.
RUR...YOU WERE MY FRIEND. HOW COULD YOU DO THIS?
JEDI ALWAYS SEEK IMMORTALITY.
MY ONLY CRIME IS TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.
SEE--THE HOUR OF THE ORDU ASPECTU'S ASCENSION IS NOW!

RUR! IT'S NOT ENOUGH. THE MATRIX ISN'T STABILIZING. WHAT NOW?
TRY AGAIN. THERE IS A NEXT STEP.
TRUST ME! JUST ACTIVATE IT AGAIN!
AS YOU WISH, BROTHER RUR...
ARRGGHHHH!
DIE, AMON! DIE SO I CAN LIVE! YOU ALL WILL BE SACRIFICED!
I WILL NOT LOSE ETERNITY! I WILL--
THWWUUMMM

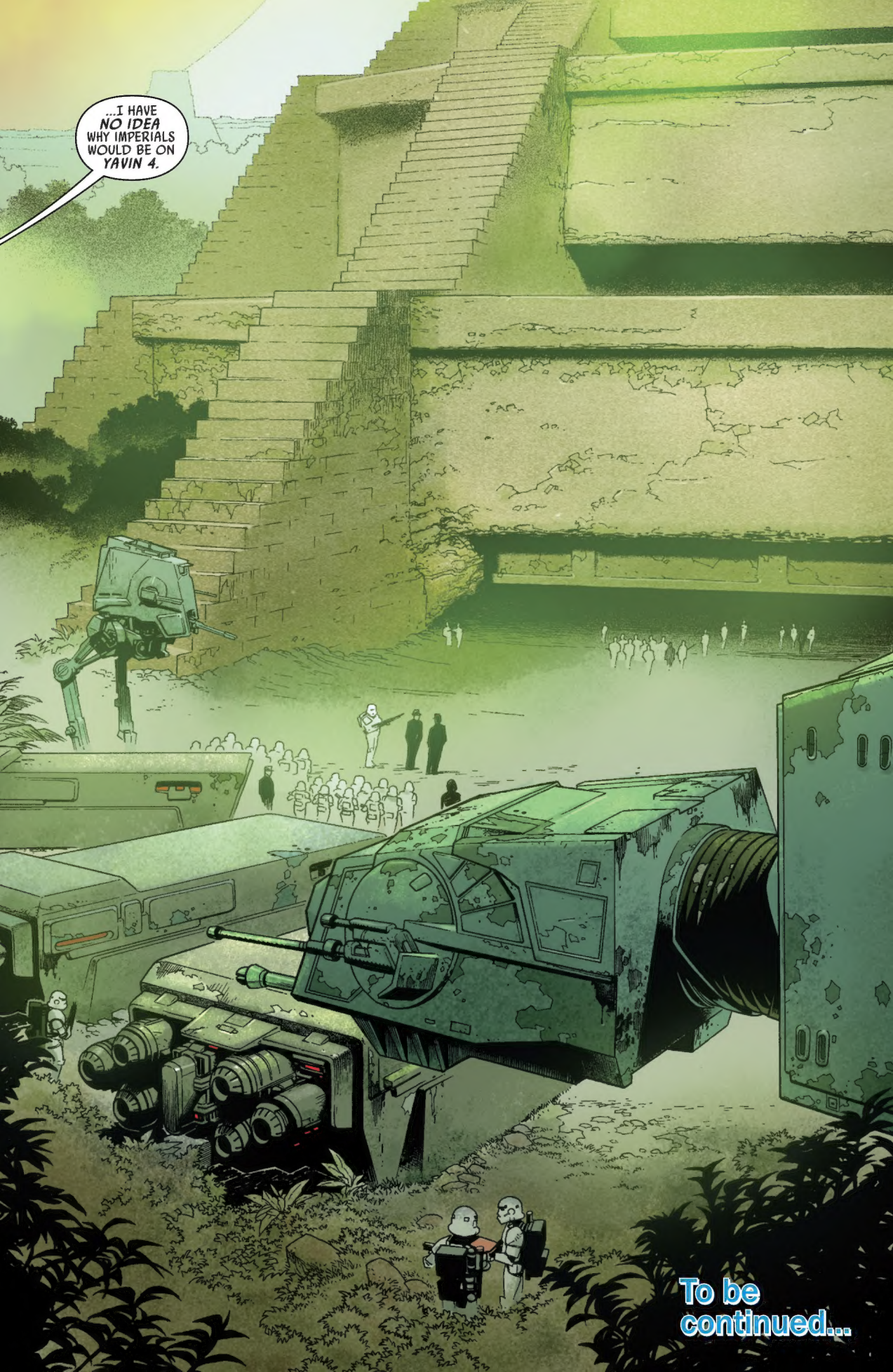
WELL, NOW THEY SOUND MOST DELIGHTFUL.
THERE'S ABOUT AS MUCH EVIDENCE FOR THAT AS YOUR FAIRY TALE, DAD.
IF THEY EVER EXISTED.
THERE'S A READING OF THE ORDU ASPECTU THAT SUGGESTS THE HERESY ISN'T ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE BUT THE POSSESSIVE INFINITIVE.
IT WAS AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN JEDI GRAMMARIANS.
YOU ARE CHASING MIST! STILL! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES! WHAT COULD ONE BRING BACK TO US FROM ETERNITY? WHAT IF--
BLEEP! BLEEP BLEEP! BLEEP!
WHAT IS BEETEE SAYING?
ER... WELL...

The Fortress Of Garn.
A Long, Long Time Ago...
BLEEP!
SUFFICE TO SAY, BEETEE THINKS THERE ARE MANY POSSIBILITIES WORTH CONSIDERATION.
I SYMPATHIZE, BUT PLEASE SHUSH.
DAD. IT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME AGO.
WE KNOW NOTHING FOR SURE. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO FIND THEM? IMAGINE IF I'M RIGHT. REALLY?
BLEEP!
THINK.
IF THEY ARE MONSTERS, AND THERE'S NO BEAUTIFUL PHILOSOPHY, AND YOUR OLD MAN IS JUST A NAIVE OLD FOOL WHO'S WASTED HIS LIFE...
...IF THERE IS A WEAPON AT THE HEART OF THIS, ISN'T THAT MORE YOUR THING, BOOP?
LET'S GO.
BUT NO MORE "BOOP."


OKAY. WHICH ONE, DAD?
THE FOURTH MOON.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER IF YOU ACTUALLY TOLD US WHERE WE WERE GOING RATHER THAN JUST PROVIDING COORDINATES.
JUNIOR, I MAY BE OLD, AND I MAY BE IDEALISTIC, BUT I KNOW YOU. YOU THREATENED TO TORTURE ME. I'VE HAD TO BLACKMAIL YOU TO MAKE YOU HELP ME...
I CERTAINLY DON'T TRUST YOU. YOU GET INFORMATION AS AND WHEN YOU NEED IT...

...THIS FIRST STAGE SHOULD BE THE SIMPLEST. WE JUST NEED TO RECOVER A FEW SIMPLE READINGS FROM THE TEMPLE SYSTEM...
IT'S A LOVELY FOREST MOON. THIS WILL BE EASY.
RRRRRRRRR
RRWAAAAH!
THUNK
WHAT DID I DO? I...I...
KRRSANTAN'S A LITTLE SUPERSTITIOUS, DAD.
AND YOU JUST TEMPTED FATE.

THE COMPLEX SHOULD BE IN THE NEXT VALLEY...
...DOWN THERE.
OH, HELL.
OH, "ABANDONED," RIGHT? A "NICE WALK IN THE FOREST," RIGHT?
HAVE A LOOK, DAD!
WHERE HAVE YOU TAKEN US, DAD?
I...I...DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED.
THIS IS AN ISOLATED MOON...


...I HAVE NO IDEA WHY IMPERIALS WOULD BE ON YAVIN 4.
To be continued...

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